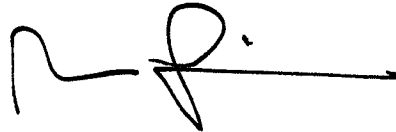


REMARKS

Pursuant to the Election of Species Requirement, dated May 26, 2009, solely to compact prosecution and without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicants elect species B, a soluble TNF receptor II. The claims readable on the elected species are, *inter alia*, claims 1-6, 14-16, 20-33 and 35-39. Applicants herewith amend claims 1, 13-15, 17-18 and 35-36 to better illustrate the commercial embodiments of Applicants' invention. Support for the amendment to claims 14 and 15 is found, *inter alia*, in the Sequence Listing. Solely to compact prosecution and without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicants herewith cancel claims 7-12. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue all cancelled and non-elected subject matter. Applicants request allowance of non-elected claims dependent from allowable elected claims when allowable claims are identified.

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